



**PRESS RELEASE**

Friday October 19, 2018

**On Thursday October 18, 2018, at 10:08 pm, Indianola Police went to 207 N. F. Street to check on the welfare of 47-year-old James Ross Sturman. Officers contacted Sturman who threatened them and retreated into his house where he remained barricaded throughout the early morning hours. Sturman continued to threaten officers both directly and through negotiators. At approximately 6:30 am, Sturman surrendered peacefully. Sturman was charged with one count of intimidation with a dangerous weapon, a class D felony. The Indianola Police Department was assisted by the Warren County Sheriff's Office, Carlisle Police Department, and the Iowa State Patrol.**

**Dave Button**

**Chief of Police**